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UTAH'S ANNUAL ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST TO GET UNDERWAY

The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands invites all elementary schools throughout Utah to participate in Utah's annual Arbor Day Poster Contest and other activities that teach children the importance of trees in our communities.

First place winners in four Utah regions will receive \$1,000 each for their schools. Schools may use the prize money any way they wish. Students win U.S. Savings Bonds, framed certificates, an Arbor Day T-shirt and other prizes. Registration deadline is February 6, 2004.

Winners will be awarded their prizes during annual Arbor Day celebrations to be held in several locations around the state. The grand prize poster is professionally printed and distributed statewide, and the winning fifth grade poster will be entered in the National Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Registration materials are now being sent to principals and Arbor Day coordinators throughout Utah. Teachers and schools not receiving registration materials in the mail, or desiring more information, should contact the Utah Arbor Day Committee at the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands in Salt Lake City, (801) 538-5555 or visit our website at <a href="https://www.ffsl.utah.gov/arborday.htm">www.ffsl.utah.gov/arborday.htm</a>

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